shunt capacitors to maintain satisfactory voltage levels by DESU.

(b) DESU has already initiated action for the repairs of the gas turbines. The Unit No. 2 Rajghat has already been repaired and is expected to function shortly. DESU has also placed orders for 210 MVAR capacitors with M/s. BHEL.

[*Translation*]

Expansion of Platforms

169. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of railway stations where platforms are proposed to be expanded during 1991 ; and

(b) the names of such railway stations on metre gauge and broad gauge line in Uttar Pradesh and the details of such works being undertaken there?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) 238 platforms on all Indian Railways are proposed to be expanded during this year, subject to availability of funds.

(b) On B.G. system in Uttar Pradesh, one platform each is proposed to be extended at Muzaffarnagar, Tundla, Aligarh, Allahabad, Sultanpur, Lucknow, Aulenda and Singarpur and two platforms are proposed to be extended at Saidraja. As regards M. G. system, work for conversion of one M. G. platform into B. G. at Kanpur has been taken up.

Starting of Train from Hathras Quilah to Delhi

170. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to start a train from Hathras Qilah to Delhi ; and

(b) If so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Supply of Petroleum Products to Uttar Pradesh

171. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of petrol, diesel and kerosene supplied to Uttar Pradesh during the last two months ;

(b) whether the Government proposed to meet the shortage of these items in the state :

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a)

(In MTs)

	MS	HSD	SKO
May	34177	231541	71523
June	32136	210367	70918

(b) There was no report of short supplies of these items through retail outlets in U.P. during May and June, 1991.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Train Accidents

172. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH :
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of train accidents during the last six months in the country, zone-wise ;

(b) the reasons therefor ;

(c) the number of persons killed and injured as a result thereof, zone-wise ;

(d) whether there has been an increase in the number of accidents in comparison to the last year ;

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to check the recurrence of such accidents ; and

(f) the details of compensation provided to the victims ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) to (f) A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT

(a) to (c) Railway-wise number of train accidents and casualties therein during the period January to June 1991 is as under :

Railway	Number of train accidents during Jan. to June 1991	Number of persons	
		Killed	Injured
Central	22	8	22
Eastern	33	19	37
Northern	25	20	115
North Eastern	8	9	58
Northeast Frontier	27	2	13
Southern	40	4	5
South Central	29	2	25
South Eastern	40	38	71
Western	26	6	63

Accidents took place mainly due to failure of railway staff, equipment failure, negligence of road users and sabotage.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Some of the important steps taken to reduce the accidents are—

(i) induction of technical devices to aid the human element.

(ii) intensive and frequent inspections of sensitive installations.

(iii) monitoring the performance of the staff of critical safety categories such as drivers, guards, station masters, etc.

(iv) intensive training including psychological checks of staff in operational categories.

(v) surprise checks against carriage of inflammable/explosive material in passenger trains.